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Dear Sir:

Having read your autopsy report on President John F. Kennedy, as represented in the Warren Commission Report (C.E., 397) and having listened to your interview during the recent CBS Television program dealing with the Warren Report, I would like to ask you several questions concerning the your autopsy report.

First of all, there are the diagrams on the autopsy descriptive sheet. On the back of this sheet I found a sketch of what seems to be the head or skull of the President with the top of the Cranium removed. This drawing seems to indicate that there is a 10x17cm area of the right posterior missing and also, a 3cm opening of some nature in the left frontal region, near the left eye. May I assume that this diagram depicts the large skull defect as being primarily located in the right posterior rather than the right temporal region and that there was a wound in the left frontal or temporal regions?

Secondly, the findings as stated in the supplementary autopsy report (C.E., 391) indicate that the damage to the brain was not entirely confined to the right hemisphere. The report notes a laceration of the mid-brain, along with a tear in the left cerebral peduncle and the superficial lacerations of the basilar aspects of the left temporal and frontal lobes, which seemed to imply that a foreign body traversed the brain from the rear, moving towards the left at a downward trajectory. Now sir, it appears to me, a non medically trained person, that the damage to the left side of the brain, along with the 3cm opening near the left eye, plus the fact that all of the bullet fragments recovered from the Presidential automobile, except one, were found in the left interior and the damage to the left side of the windshield and chrome, would seem to indicate that a bullet or bullet fragments exited from some point on the left side of the Presidents head.

I would like to know if my interpretation of your report has any substance to it and if you think it possible that one of the missiles or its fragments exited from the left side of President Kennedys head. I would appreciate any clarification you can give me on these questions.

Sincerely yours,

Emory L Brown, Jr.